

Other Transportation Modes RSMo 21.795.2.(3)

Introduction

The information in this section is in accordance with the highlighted portion in the following section of the reporting statute. *“(3) The proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys **and the proposed work plan for the current fiscal year, at least the next four years**, and for any period of time expressed in any public transportation plan approved by either the general assembly or by the voters of Missouri. This proposed allocation and expenditure of money shall include the amounts of proposed allocation and expenditure of moneys in each of the categories listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection; ...”* Section 21.795.2(3), RSMo 2000 (emphasis added).

The 2002-2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program was the first to include modes other than highways and bridges. Program and project funding for aviation, rail, water, and transit were also included to provide a total funding picture of transportation programs administered by MoDOT.

During fiscal year 2002, more than \$50 million in capital, maintenance and operating assistance was administered by MoDOT to aviation, rail, water and transit facilities. Funding came from a variety of federal and state government funding sources. This amount does not include local funding. Although existing funding levels address many critical issues, there will continue to be numerous needs in the future.

Improvements include \$6.2 million for the state’s share of Amtrak funding for operations, advertising and railroad station improvements. Waterways funding included \$412,000 for administrative grants to 12 public port authorities and one port commission. While \$6.1 million was re-appropriated for seven port capital improvement projects, it was not released by the Governor’s office.

Just over \$16.5 million in state and federal aviation funding was provided to improve and maintain Missouri’s system of general aviation airports. Commercial passenger airports such as Lambert Airport in St. Louis work directly with and receive funding from the Federal Aviation Administration. MoDOT administered projects included the construction of a new general aviation airport, rehabilitation/expansion of five runways, and 14 airfield pavement maintenance projects. Funds were also provided to operate one air traffic control tower.

More than 270 new vehicles were procured by MoDOT for rural and urban public transportation providers. State and federal transit operating assistance, amounting to over \$20 million, supported more than 70 million passenger trips statewide. Two hundred public transportation providers or specialized organizations, serving the elderly or disabled, received state aid.

While the state has seen past gains in its multimodal operations, more significant improvements depend on establishing a more substantial, reliable and consistent source of funding for the other modes. It is difficult to accurately forecast improvements in these modes at current funding levels and without other funding mechanisms.